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EXDIS FOR CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, GT

SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD INVITING HIM TO BILATERAL MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH PANAMA CANAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7. LETTER SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY. IN DELIVERING MESSAGE, PLEASE ALSO MAKE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS: (1) TACTFULLY SUGGEST THAT DELEGATION BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE BUT INCLUDE WIFE OF CHIEF OF STATE; (2) ADVISE THAT THE CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS WIFE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A STATE DINNER WHICH WILL TAKE  
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PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING CEREMONY, SEPTEMBER 7; AND (3) INFORM THAT MRS. CARTER IS PLANNING A SEPARATE EVENT FOR WIVES.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RESPONSE TO LETTER (AND WHETHER WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY).

3. FYI: OUR CURRENT COUNT IS THAT 15 CHIEFS OF STATE

SO FAR HAVE AT LEAST TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO COME.

4. TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED  
TO INFORM YOU THAT AFTER 13 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS,  
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA  
HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.  
I BELIEVE THAT THESE TREATIES REPRESENT AN HIS-  
TORIC MOMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE AMERICAS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU  
WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT MOMENT WITH ME AND WITH  
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OMAR TORRIJOS ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1977,  
AT A SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN  
STATES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUTURE IN WHICH  
THE SAME SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT  
THAT GUIDED US THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS  
WILL GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THIS  
HEMISPHERE.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON, I WOULD LOOK  
FORWARD TO MEETING YOU PERSONALLY TO DISCUSS MAJOR  
SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WOULD  
APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ANY MATTERS YOU WOULD LIKE  
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TO DISCUSS DURING OUR MEETING.

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF  
GUATEMALA ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, AND ACCEPT MY OWN PERSONAL BEST WISHES.  
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS AND  
LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

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